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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boxtown Tn Oil Pipeline Project

My name is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and I'm am writing in reference to the proposed Byhalia Connection Oil Pipeline Project which is scheduled to have a section built through Boxtown, TN. I am strongly against this project as it poses a significant threat to the quality of drinking water to local residents. I am against the proposed Plains All American Byhalia Pipeline connecting to Valero.

They have not conducted a study on groundwater or the drinking water supply which could be affected, especially in areas where there is not clay protecting the aquifer. This connection will also increase millions of barrels of oil being pumped through it to the Valero refinery which will increase the cases of asthma and other genetic infirmities. I do not believe the permit for this project should be approved. The only study that was conducted by this company was on the surface area but not on the impact of the burning and refining of the oil, in addition, to damage that will be done with this pipeline on our water and wetlands.

The Boxtown community has been historically disinvested in and does not deserve to suffer further. You have the power to stop this and to end the endless environmental racism impacting this community. It was a rushed project due to the use of the Nationwide Permit 12 (NWP 12) process which was never intended to derail communities and destroy our environment.

There has been no studying of the effects nor support offered for the devastating effects on the drinking water or the increases we expect to have with gastrointestinal problems, diarrhea, dehydration, cancer, and sadly death.

The approval of this project without requiring additional studies would be a direct violation of basic human rights. The health and well-being of citizens in this community should not be an afterthought. We are not second-class citizens and should not be treated as such. Lastly, there is no need to build this pipeline through Boxtown as the shortest distance for this project is through Germantown, Tennessee. Building this pipeline through this predominantly black and lower-income neighborhood is blatant environmental racism and there should be no place for this in America.

We hope that you will consider this request to stop this proposed pipeline in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

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